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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated June 13, 2002 (Paper No. 13) sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a three-month extension of time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action through and to December 13, 2002. In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

A substitute specification, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 is submitted herewith.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 46, without prejudice, as indicated on the "Marked-Up Copy of Claims" sheet attached hereto. Added text is underlined and deleted text is [bracketed].

46. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of a monoclonal antibody, a polyclonal antibody, combinations thereof, biologically active fragments, and allelic or species variants thereof.